

NORRIS SUCCEEDS RIORDAN.

Retiring Medical Examiner Must Go to Court for His Pay.

The appointment of Charles V. Norris, Chief of the Pathological Laboratories of Bellevue Hospital, as Chief Medical Examiner took effect yesterday. Dr. Norris replaced Patrick J. Riordan, who has been serving since Jan. 1. Although Mayor Hylan said Dr. Norris's appointment was for three months, it was said yesterday that the appointment would be permanent, as all civil service appointees are put on three months' probation.

Dr. Riordan may have difficulty collecting salary for his month's service. An action brought by Russell H. Lohes of the Civil Service Reform Association in the Supreme Court to restrain the city from paying Dr. Riordan \$625 was marked "Off by consent" yesterday, with the explanation that the city had decided not to pay. Dr. Riordan may appeal to the Court of Claims.

Although Mayor Hylan said Dr. Riordan's appointment was merely temporary, it was learned yesterday that his name had been put upon the door of every office occupied by the old Board of Coroners in all five boroughs. In the Bronx office there are nineteen doors and every one bears in gold letters the legend: "Dr. Patrick J. Riordan, Chief Medical Examiner."

Everett P. Wheeler, President of the Civil Service Reform Association, wrote to James E. MacBride, President of the Civil Service Commission, yesterday, defending George T. Keyes, who was accused by MacBride of violating his confidence in allowing former District Attorney Jerome to examine the brief MacBride had submitted to the association. "Although it is not particularly relevant," Mr. Wheeler adds, "I cannot overlook your statement that your commission has reversed the policy of the former commission by denying the public admission to hearings. Such admission has been continually accorded for at least fifteen years."